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12/1 ridiculous. I never did mention his name. In fact I er.. I didn't even know he existed while I was in Missouri Penitentiary, but as I was going to say there are - when I was in Missouri penitentiary probably sixteen hundred prisoners there, it would be a very - very easy matter for the F.B.I. to go there and get six - six to eight hundred of those prisoners to testify that I threatened bodily harm to Martin Luther King, but those - those are statements and they were never, none of these people could afford to testify under eath in court about them.

> <u>REFORTER</u> When the time came for your trial why did you turn down the offer of a twenty-year sentence which was arranged by your first lawyer and then hire Mr. Foreman.

<u>RAY</u> Well, I told the first lawyer he did mention the guilty plea in exchange for a twenty-year sentence and I would be nome type of state witness against some individual that the F.B.I. had staked out in New Orlens I believe it was.

<u>REFORTER</u> What - what kind of deal was arranged? - was talked about?

RAY

Well, that would

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